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A Voice from the Congo. By HERBERT WARD. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. 1910. 330 pp.

The author went to Africa, as he frankly says, "simply and solely to gratify my love of adventure." He took to Africans from the first. He was young and full of spirits and regarded everyone as a friend and although his confidence was sometimes checked, it was never shaken. He believes there is a good side to even most villainous looking savages, and he generally found it. He entered into their lives and they appealed strongly to him by reason of their simplicity, directness and spontaneity. His book describes village scenes, sketches native character, an elephant hunt, a sorcerer, the monkey people, the funeral of an African chief, Tippo Tib, adventures of Captain Deane, the tale of a tusk of ivory, stories about animals, oddities, a village romance, Stanley, troubles of the white man, language, cannibalism, superstition, etc. The book is copiously illustrated.

State Socialism in New Zealand. By JAMES EDWARD LE ROSSIGNOL and WILLIAM DOWNIE STEWART. New York: Crowell. 1910. 311 pp.

This work considers the conditions in this most interesting and, as many think, advanced land of the world, under the heads of land tenure and monopoly, roads and railways, finance, public debt, income tax, state life insurance, old age pension, public service, arbitration acts, strikes, wages, cost of living, etc. The most momentous question here, as in Australia, is that of Asiatic immigration. Even the socialists would exclude cooly labor because they cannot bring down the standards of living to an Asiatic level. What these colonies need, in the opinion of these authors, is not more socialistic legislation but alliance with the United States, just as we need alliance with the British Empire, if not for the Open Door in China and the mastery of the Pacific, at least for the preservation of our Anglo-Saxon civilization.